

Program Description/Textbook or Print Instructional Material

Vendor: EMC/Paradigm Publishing Web Address: www.emcp.com

Title: Benchmark Series: Microsoft Office XP

Author: Nita Rutkosky Copyright: 2002

ISBN: 0-7638-1449-0 Course/Content Area: Business Education

Intended Grade or Level: 9-12 Readability Level: 8

List Price: \$66.63 Lowest Wholesale Price: \$49.95

All materials bid as of July 1, 2003 must be offered in an alternative format for students who require reading accommodations. A description of the levels of accommodation is included on p.8-9 of this bid packet. The Kentucky Department of Education must receive a copy of the alternative format if the instructional material is placed on the State Multiple List.

Level of Accommodations (Level One, Two or Three) Level Two

If Level Two or Three, please provide rationale for not meeting Level One Compliance

We do not include graphics or graphics descriptions.

FEATURES

DISCLAIMER: The features of each book or program were developed by the publisher and do not reflect the opinion of the State Review Team, State Textbook Commission, nor of the Kentucky Department of Education.

Content This text includes exercises that incorporate software manipulation and document composition to solve contemporary workplace problems.

Student Experiences

Assessment A Test Generator on CD-ROM is available for teachers.

Organization

Resource Materials

Gratis Items To Be Provided And Under What Conditions

0-7638-1450-4	Instructor's Guide with CD-ROM	1:20
0-7638-1914-X	Test Generator on CD-ROM	1:20

Available Ancillary Materials



Group V - Career/Technical Vocational/Practical Living Education Instructional Materials Evaluation Tool Business



Title: Microsoft Office XP-Benchmark Series		Cost \$49.95	
Publisher: EMC/Paradigm Publishing			
Item Evaluated: Textbook and ancillary materials			
Copyright Date: 2002		Evaluator: Donna R. Everett	
Content Level: 9-12		Date of Evaluation: July 28, 2003	
Level of Alternative Format	Level 1 – Full Compliance	Level 2 – Provisional Compliance	Level 3 – Marginal Compliance
This section completed by Exceptional Children Services			

Overall Strengths and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended by reviewers to State Textbook Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Not recommended by reviewers to State Textbook Commission

Publisher's Explanation of Reviewer's Comments: By action of the State Textbook Commission, publishers are provided limited space, 150 words, to respond to what they may consider factual errors made by the reviewers in the evaluation.



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Instructional Materials Evaluation Tool
Business**



Title: Microsoft Office XP-Benchmark Series		Publisher: EMC/Paradigm Publishing	
Technology Management Summary Data:		20 possible points	____20____ points earned
Technology Management Comments: Once installed, the test software appears to be easy to use.			
Technology Presentation/Interface Summary Data:		40 possible points	____31____ points earned
Technology Presentation/Interface Comments:			
Content Summary Data:		44 possible points	____22____ points earned
Content Comments: Workplace readiness and MOUS certification included.			
Instruction & Assessment Summary Data		52 possible points	____42____ points earned
Instruction & Assessment Comments:			
Organization & Structure Summary Data		36 possible points	____36____ points earned
Organization & Structure Comments:			
Resource Material Summary Data		40 possible points	____24____ points earned
Resource Material Comments:			



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Electronic Instructional Media Review Form

Stand Alone/Independent or Integrated Software for Business



Equipment (circle or change fill color)	Grade Level (circle or change fill color)	Audience (circle or change fill color)	Format (circle or change fill color)	Cost _____	
Windows	Primary	Individual	Stand Alone/Independent	_____ single copy	_____ site license
Macintosh	Intermediate	Small Group	Integrated	_____ network version	_____ school version
CD-ROM	Middle	Large Group	Supplemental	_____ lab pack of ____ copies	_____ online
DVD	High		In lieu of basal test		
Sound					
Other					

If other, explain _____

Type of Software: Check all that apply	_____ Simulation	____x____ Management	_____ Interdisciplinary	_____ Problem Solving	_____ Tutorial
_____ Exploratory	_____ Creativity	____x____ Drill and Practice	_____ Critical Thinking	_____ Utility	____x____ Tests

Rating Scale:	3—Some of the time	1—None of the time
4—All or the time	2—Minimally	0— Not applicable

Management	Rating
Allows customizing for individual learning needs.	4
Allows students to exit and resume at a later time.	4
Keeps a student's performance record, where needed.	4
Allows control of various aspects of the software (e.g., turning sound off).	4
Allows for printed reports.	4
Comments:	20

Presentation/Interface	Rating
Presents material in an organized manner.	4
Has consistent, easy-to-use, on-screen instructions.	4
Has developmentally correct presentation format.	4
Adapts to different learning environments (learning styles/multiple intelligences, etc.)	0
Accessible for special needs students.	0
Runs smoothly, without long delays.	3
Presents easy-to-view text and graphics.	4
Presents easy-to-hear and understand sounds.	4
Avoids unnecessary screens, sounds, and graphics.	4
Provides immediate, appropriate feedback.	4
Comments:	31

Content—Business	Rating
Career Experiences	4
Employability Skills	4
Teamwork	1
Global Perspective	1
Mathematical Skills	2
Communication	2
Diversity	0
Ethical Practices	0
Academic Integration	0
Real World Application	4
Content Area Concepts Addressed	4
Comments: MOUS certification reinforced.	22

Rating Scale:	2—Minimally
4—All or the time	1—None of the time
3—Some of the time	0— Not applicable

Instruction and Assessment	Rating
Identifies a Sense of Purpose	4
Builds on Student Ideals: If related to workplace readiness skills, yes.	4
Engages Students	4
Develops Business Ideas	4
Promotes Student Thinking	4
Assesses Student Progress	4
Enhances The Learning Environment	4
Reading level is appropriate for interest and ability level of intended student group; level remains consistent throughout.	4
Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) “like” Assessment is provided	0
Variety of assessments (diagnostic, formative, summative, open response, multiple choice, individual, small group, oral, demonstrations, presentations, self and peer performance, portfolio prompts) is included. Mostly performance tests.	2
Includes activities and opportunities for integration of technology.	4
Reflects researched-based practices (e.g. hands-on activities, technology, problem-solving situations)	4
Differentiation techniques and activities suggested.	0
Comments:	42

Rating Scale:	3 – Some potential for learning	1 - Not present
4 – High potential for learning	2 – Little potential for learning	0 – Not applicable

Organization and Structure	Rating
Organization is logical and allows for spiraling of content.	4
Vocabulary and key terms are clearly defined and easily accessible within each lesson.	4
Visual illustrations (e.g. graphs, charts, models) and examples are clearly presented and content-related.	4
Illustrations and language reflect diversity (e.g. racial, ethnic, cultural, age, gender, disabilities).	4
Legible type, length of lines, spacing, and page layout and width of margins contribute to overall appearance and use.	4
Student materials seem durable and conducive to daily use.	4
Includes sufficient glossary, index and appendices.	4
Employs accurate grammar and spelling	4
Organization of material can be effectively used with Standards Based Units, Core Content and Program of Studies.	4
Comments:	36

Resource Materials	Rating
Teacher materials coordinate easily with student materials (e.g. additional resources included at point of need, student pages shown, integration of technology indicated)	4
Activities are included that adapt to the various learning styles, intelligences, and interest/ability levels.	3
Extension activities including adaptations and accommodations for students with special needs.	1
Resources provide objectives, background information, common student errors, hints, advice for lesson implementation and real-world connections, connections with career and/technology and references (e.g. solution manuals, study guides)	3
Suggestions are made for integration of themes and /or interdisciplinary instruction.	0
Integration opportunities suggested and examples given. If related to software, yes.	2
Teacher resources are available online.	4
Online resources available – Repeat of information in text.	4
Online resources available – Practice skills only.	3
Online resources available – New application materials.	0
Comments: Although a Web site is provided for EMC, no links to the Benchmark series were available.	24

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3—Some of the time	1—None of the time
	0— Not applicable